GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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VOTING RIGHTS TO NRIS
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Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) The present status of conferring the right of franchise to the Non-resident Indians;

(b) Whether the report submitted in this regard has since been examined; and

(c) If so, the outcome thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS(SHRI VAYALAR RAVI)

(a) to (c) : With a view to enabling citizens of India who are absenting from their place of ordinary residence owing to their employment, education or otherwise outside India, to get their names enrolled in the electoral rolls and cast their votes when they are in their constituency at the time of polls, the Government introduced the Representation of the People (Amendment) Bill, 2006 in Rajya Sabha on 27-02-2006. The said Bill was referred to the Department-Related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Personnel, Public Grievances, Law and Justice for examination. The Committee presented its Report to Rajya Sabha/laid in Lok Sabha on the 4th August, 2006. The Report is being examined in the Legislative Department, Ministry of Law and Justice.